

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Proposed Projects Involving the State General Fund (cash or bonds)*

Priority	Cabinet	Agency	Project Title / Description	Total Budget
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2006-2008

1 Implement Video Medical Diagnosis System \$525,000*

This "telemedicine" project will significantly improve the quality of care for the residents in our homes. Additionally, it will require our residents to make fewer lengthy trips to the hospital. Federal Veterans Affairs hospitals, which we work with to provide our residents the best possible care, are presently equipped to conduct on-line medical treatment through the use of video-conferencing. This system will enable KDVA to interface with the VA hospitals and provide even better care for Kentucky's veterans.

**Total budget includes Restricted Funds of \$327,000.*

2 Construct State Veterans Cemetery-Northeast KY \$8,500,000*

The Northeastern Kentucky State Veterans Cemetery project is expected to consist of approximately 60 acres of land in Northeastern Kentucky, which will ultimately provide 25,000 gravesites primarily for Northeastern Kentucky's veterans. The project will also include a 3,600 square foot administration building and a 4,400 square foot equipment storage and maintenance building. Since there are only three authorized state veterans cemeteries (one currently under construction and two currently in design), this project is a continuation of the natural undertaking and responsibility of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide services to Kentucky's 370,000+ veterans in all regions of the Commonwealth.

**Total budget includes Federal Funds of \$8,300,000.*

2008-2010

Construct Kentucky Homeless Veterans Shelter \$2,200,000

This project consists of the construction of an approximately 12,000 square foot facility. The project would consist of an emergency overnight shelter, a drop-in center, and transitional housing for Homeless Veterans. This is in accordance with KRS 40.340 (1), (5b), and the current National agenda of eliminating homelessness in 10 years.

**Total budget includes Federal Funds of \$1,430,000.*

Construct State Veterans Cemetery-Southeast KY \$8,500,000

The Southeastern Kentucky State Veterans Cemetery project is expected to consist of approximately 60 acres of land in Southeastern Kentucky, which will ultimately provide 25,000 grave sites primarily for Southeastern Kentucky's veterans. The project will also include a 3,600 square foot administration building and a 4,400 square foot equipment storage and maintenance building. Since there is only three authorized state veterans cemeteries (one currently under construction and two currently in design), this project is a continuation of the natural undertaking and responsibility of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide services to Kentucky's 370,000+ veterans in all regions of the Commonwealth.

**Total budget includes Federal Funds of \$8,300,000.*

2010-2012

Construct Kentucky Veterans Affairs Complex \$4,888,000

Construct a facility that will house all Kentucky veteran related activities. This new facility should encompass: the KDVA Commissioner's Office and staff; Office of KY

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Veterans Centers Executive Director; KY State Veterans Cemeteries and Burial Honors Program Director; Veterans and Military History Museum and Library; Military Records and Research Branch; Kentucky Approving Authority for Veterans Education Programs; Homeless Veterans Program and Staff; Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS); Personal Loan Program; and, Veterans Education and Training Center. The project entails constructing a 25,000 sq ft building, with general administration offices, a museum office / exhibition space, and a training / conference center. There will be a separate 5000 sq ft museum warehouse and maintenance building, and a paved parking lot. The project would require approximately 10 acres of land acquisition. The associated costs will be site survey/preparation, project design, and construction costs.

Expand bed capacity of Western Ky Veterans Ctr **\$9,230,000***
 Expands capacity of WKVC through the construction of two 45-bed additions to the Grant and Wilson Units. Demand for general nursing and specialty care at WKVC has been far greater than anticipated since the nursing home opened in March 2002. Currently 23 veterans are on the waiting list for general admission and 40 for special care. Those numbers can translate to months or years before the veteran can be admitted for care.

**Total budget includes Restricted Funds of \$1,000,000; Federal Funds of \$6,000,000.*

***Notes**

- Unless otherwise indicated, the total budget would be financed from the state General Fund (cash or bonds).
- Priority rankings were required to be assigned only to those projects proposed for 2006-08; projects for 2008-10 and 2010-12 are listed in alphabetical order.
- Descriptions are as provided in the "Brief Description and Justification" field of the agency's capital plan submission.

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Proposed Projects NOT Involving the State General Fund

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2006-2008

Establish Veterans Domiciliary

\$550,000

RF/FF

This project will authorize the establishment of a Veterans Domiciliary (assisted living facility) in Lexington, Kentucky. Currently, there is not a veterans facility in the Commonwealth addressing this type of care. The Domiciliary will provide assistance to residents in activities of daily living including shelter, sustenance, and self-assisted care.

2008-2010

None

2010-2012

None

*Notes

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- Sources: AB = Agency Bonds; FF = Federal Funds; RF = Restricted Funds; OT = Other Funds; TF = Road Fund